

To Whom it concerns,

I am strongly opposed to the Litchfield water rate increase as Litchfield already has the highest rates compared to other nearby towns. Litchfield's rates will be \$9.42 per unit of water. Hudson pays \$3.30, Merrimack is \$2.32, and Manchester is \$1.64. We pay between 2.9 times and 5.7 times more than our neighbors! This is insane for the same service!

The average Litchfield homeowner will pay almost \$90 per month for water. If they water their lawn, that cost may exceed \$250 per month. With lawn watering, they may pay \$1,500+ per year for water.

We pay Pennichuck over \$500K per year for hydrant rental. This comes out of my tax bill and is more than 7% of the entire municipal budget for the Town of Litchfield. Litchfield pays more for hydrants than they do to run the library and recycling center!

Pennichuck serves 29 towns and Litchfield has the largest customer base. Therefore, Litchfield customers are helping subsidize improvements in their 28 other towns and this is unacceptable and MUST STOP!

-Tom Lesniak
Litchfield Resident